

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (New): A device for conveying products along an endless conveying path, comprising:

a frame;

an elongated flexible conveying element supported by the frame, which includes links that are pivotable relative to each other about vertical pivots;

load-carrying platforms each having a supporting surface at an upper side, which supporting surfaces jointly form a substantially closed, common supporting surface for the products, which load-carrying platforms are connected to the conveying element via supports and whose supporting surfaces adjoin each other at curved forward and rearward edges thereof, and drive means for driving the conveying element, the drive means including a driving element and the conveying element including an element driven by the driving element,

wherein the driven element forms part of the links of the conveying element.

Claim 23 (New): The device according to claim 22, wherein the driven element includes a friction surface for driving the conveying element through frictional contact between the drive means and the friction surface.

Claim 24 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein the driving element includes a linear motor and the driven element comprises a reaction member for cooperation with the linear motor.

Claim 25 (New): A device according to claim 24, wherein the linear motor extends on two opposite sides of the links.

Claim 26 (New): A device according to claim 25, wherein the links are provided with at least one recess at a location of the linear motor.

Claim 27 (New): A device according to claim 24, wherein the linear motor extends on a bottom side of the links.

Claim 28 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein adjacent links are interconnected via a fixable pin member that is pivotable between two pivoted positions, with respect to which pin member the links can pivot, the pin member including a first pin member part having a first vertical central axis for pivoting movement of a first of the adjacent links about the first pin member part, and a second pin member part having a second vertical central axis for pivoting movement of a second of the adjacent links about the second pin member part, which first and second central axes are spaced a distance apart.

Claim 29 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein each link includes two sublinks, which sublinks are pivotable with respect to each other about a horizontal pivot.

Claim 30 (New): A device according to claim 29, wherein each load-carrying platform includes two platform parts, which are pivotable with respect to each other about a horizontal pivot.

Claim 31 (New): A device according to claim 29, wherein the horizontal pivot associated with two platform parts extends at least substantially straight above a horizontal pivot associated with two sublinks.

Claim 32 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein adjacent load-carrying platforms overlap under associated supporting surfaces at the curved forward edges and the curved rearward edges.

Claim 33 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein a length of at least one supporting surface is different from lengths of other supporting surfaces.

Claim 34 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein at least one load-carrying platform includes first adjusting means for adjusting the length of the associated supporting surface.

Claim 35 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein a length of at least one link is different from a length of other links.

Claim 36 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein at least one link includes adjusting means for adjusting a length of the at least one link.

Claim 37 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein a proportion between length and width of the supporting surfaces is maximally 0.4.

Claim 38 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein at least one longitudinal side of the common supporting surface is free from any screening thereabove over at least part of a length of the common supporting surface.

Claim 39 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein a screening edge having a width of maximally 5.0 cm is provided above at least one longitudinal side of the common supporting surface over at least part of a length of the common supporting surface.

Claim 40 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein a screening edge is present under at least one longitudinal side of the common supporting surface at a distance of maximally 1.0 cm from the load-carrying platforms, over at least part of a length of the common supporting surface.

Claim 41 (New): A device according to claim 39, wherein the at least one longitudinal side is located on an outer side of the endless conveying path.

Claim 42 (New): A device according to claim 22, wherein each load-carrying platform is supported by at least three supports.